

City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
January 22, 2007

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Albert Alcorn, N. Gupta, S. Bilgrami, D. Gupta, W. Lam, V. Mathur, S. Bansal, R. Shaw, H. Tran.

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: P. Peterson, I Munir

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

**V. Approval of the Minutes
November 20, 2006**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

VI. Citizen's Forum

No comments made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair 2007.

Chair Alcorn welcomed the Commissioners to offer nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2007.

Commissioner D. Gupta nominated Albert Alcorn to serve as Chair. Commissioner Bansal seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made for the post of Chair to the Telecommunications Commission.

The Commission voted close that nomination and then voted unanimously to elect Albert Alcorn as Chair of the Telecommunications Commission for 2007.

Newly re-elected Chair Alcorn opened that floor for nominations to the post of Vice Chair to the Telecommunications Commission.

Commissioner Bansal nominated Commissioner Niranjana Gupta to serve as Vice Chair to the Commission. Commissioner D. Gupta seconded the nomination. The Commission voted close that nomination and then voted unanimously to elect Niranjana Gupta as Vice Chair of the Telecommunications Commission for 2007.

2. Review of Questionnaire for Telecommunications Facility Providers.

Chair Alcorn noted that staff and the chair were working on a revision of the planning application questionnaire. The commission was presented with a revised questionnaire application addressing the requirement of placing notification placards and contact information for cellular communications providers at locations that maintained a stealth design, such as a rooftop of a building, in order to provide adequate warning to first responders. Staff noted that two additional questions were added addressing this matter to the questionnaire.

Motion to approve the amended questionnaire.

M/S D. Gupta / N. Gupta Ayes: 9

On another matter, Chair Alcorn requested staff to provide a list of past and existing cellular tower providers currently in operation in the city and have that list available for presentation in the coming months.

3. Cable Studio Working Group Update.

Bill Marion, Director of Information Services, provided an update on the progress of the city hall public access studio.

Staff reported that the installation of the studio equipment is in progress and wiring of the facility is on going. Staff has recently met with representatives with Comcast in securing the future public access channel and securing the additional funds for the public access studio equipment and operation.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 9

4. November-December '06 I.S. Month Report.

Bill Marion, Director of Information Services, reported on the highlights of the Information Services Department for November and December 2006.

One of the major accomplishments for 2006 was the completion and rollout of the Earthlink Wireless internet service in the Milpitas community on December 19th. Earthlink WiFi offered free internet service for the first 30 days of service in Milpitas. Afterwards the Earthlink WiFi service would be a subscriber service.

Staff is working on establishing free WiFi service at the Milpitas Teen Center, Senior Center, Community Center and the new future library on Main Street. There will be time limitations set to this free access at these locations.

With this new launch of service other cities have contacted the City of Milpitas in seeking direction on the implementation of such a wireless Internet service.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

5. Round Table Discussion

Vice Chair N. Gupta asked of whether contact has been made with the Milpitas Unified School District regarding its participation on the Telecom Commission. Staff noted that it would be contacting the Mayor's office on this matter.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The Commission adjourned the meeting to Monday, February 26, 2007.

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